

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I am alarmed to understand that the FCC is considering further loosening of rules which place restrictions on media ownership. I recently noticed in my own city of Dayton, Ohio that one company (Clear Channel) now owns about 7 of the local radio stations. How can this possibly be in the public interest? I would like to see a restoration of previous restrictions that would undo at least some the damage of recent regulatory rollbacks rather than go further in the same destruction direction. This is one concerned citizen (who has voted for a straight Republican ticket for at least the last 20 years) who completely disapproves of promoting a further lack of independence and diversity in our media industry. Having travelled overseas frequently, I have noticed that the quality of news outside the US seems to be more objective, detailed and complete compared to what is domestically available. Now the FCC wants to consider making this situation in the US even worse? The characteristics of independence and diversity are absolutely essential in a democratic society. We need to have the best and most varied information possible. In my opinion most conservatives, like myself, would not identify with or understand a goal of helping media giants swallow up their smaller competitors. It just doesn't seem like a good policy any way one looks at it.